

A TRIP TO CHATEAUGAY LAKE.

After having talked more or less for two weeks with a friend about taking the above trip, for the purpose of camping out, hunting, fishing and enjoying ourselves generally, we left New-York in expectation of fine sport, shooting deer and pulling up the up-skiel house.

We arrived in Plattsburgh in 24 hours, where we stayed over night, supping and breakfasting on the very kind of game we were in pursuit of, which, though satisfying our appetites in one respect only created a greater one for taking the game ourselves. Leaving Plattsburgh in the forenoon, we reached Chateaugay in two and a half hours, where we rode south 12 miles to McPherson's, on Chateaugay Lake, where we obtained our two guides, boats, provisions, &c., and started for a shanty, distant 8 miles further south.

This specimen of backwoods architecture, built of logs, is about 14 by 20 feet and 8 feet high, with a gable roof covered with bark, and though once water tight now lacks that essential qualification.

This sheet of water, lying embosomed as it does, between rugged mountains, in fact with the very varying hues of autumn, and surrounded by a vast and almost impenetrable wilderness, is for the romantic nature of its scenery hardly to be surpassed. Its length is twelve miles, running north, and emptying into the St. Lawrence River, and is divided into two smaller lakes, which are connected by what is called the Narrows, varying from fifty to one hundred feet in width, between whose banks flows a clear stream, having a very perceptible current. The soil down this stream about sunset is one of the most beautiful on the lake. The echo of the voice from bank to bank at certain places on the Narrows is most clear and distinct, and at one place on the upper lake, the report of a gun is heard long after it has been fired.

The hunting on and around the lake is excellent, deer being the principal game, although there are not a few black ducks, partridges and rabbits to be found, the greatest drawback to the hunting of which is, for the difficulty of going through the very dense woods to obtain them, the country being so wild that there are few or no paths except the runways of the deer.

During our stay of ten days, we shot six deer, three of which we sent to our friends at home, and consumed the remainder. The hunting of deer is the finest sport on the lake. The season of night-shooting is about over, the weather being too cold, hence we had to drive our deer with dogs, and this was sport indeed.

Mr. McPherson, our host, furnished three fine hounds, two of which, for their good nature, probably could not be excelled in the State. About 8 o'clock in the morning the guides, each with their respective sportsman, boat and dogs, leave for some suitable place on the shore, to enter the woods, having guns and such, he proceeds with his dogs to find a fresh track. As soon as the deer strikes the scent, they immediately begin to bark, and start on the track; the guide then returns to the boat to watch when the deer comes into the lake. As the scent grows stronger, then it is you begin to hear w at the guides call "mossie," and surely it is music to one who loves the chase, and who could do with excitement, seems trying to outdo the others, showing by baying his proximity to the ill-fated victim.

The deer knowing his own speed, his average time being about a mile in three minutes, seldom starts till the dogs are pretty close, when he will jump for his life, and then, all the dogs in the woods could not catch him, until the deer becomes tired, takes to the water with the intention of eluding his pursuers by swimming across and destroying the scent.

Now is the exciting time to the hunter, for if the deer enters the water a mile off and the lake is but a mile wide, it becomes to every tax to overtake, and then, with muzzling aim, to secure the "meat."

The fishing on the lake and in the small streams running into it is very fine, twenty or thirty brook trout weighing from a quarter to one pound, were frequently caught in about four weeks, and were sold at our camp. We were twice given, too early for salmon or lake trout by two weeks, when they will bite well at the spoon and fly, while the deer hunting will be quite as good, if not better than now.

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